resent day and generation. What she did

what she is doing now to earn her living

until her husband's lawspractice assumes a bodily existence sufficient to care for

her and the children, any bright energetic woman in the District, as elsewhere, can do with even far more gratifying results.

here in Washington for some woman who

will undertake during the season to over-see the cooking and serving of luncheons

and dinners; to cook those same berself

if need be, and to invest the entertainments

with novel ideas in the matter of decora-

woman who does a rushing hig business at this sort of thing during the season, whose

and all. For some young woman, especially if she happens to have any traditions of

past and gone glory in the way of "family"

as a backer, there is a chance for a howling

GIVE UP TEACHING.

Try it girls. Be done with teaching-

wrestling with the young idea is far to

wearing on the nerves and pays far too

endurance expended thereon. Turn your

and dinners for the fashionables. There

ables should look down upon you?

What need you care as long as you

secure the orders and payment therefor. The opinion of the fashionables is of very

tile consequence anyway to a man o

lways will be for that matter. If there were ot, probably one would never appreciate

that it is to come in contact with thoroughly

are that they have no qualum about ac

turers in this field were embled to hire

ng the ingredients. One of the "decayed

annual work of beating up eggs and mix

itlewomen" even instituted radical re

rms to her kitchen, and built in an auta-

or a living who manage to one out that liv

g by making cake and potting appreserve

coterie of their especial frames, deeming it something perfectly "nefal" to have any

for your living, keep our of it altogether

Don't live. Cease to exist from sheer land

tion, and the world will be well tid of you

or only nonsensical, it is absolutely vul-

If you start out with any such ideas of

seing ashamed of your work or of the act that you are compelled to work for

our fiving, you will have a hard time f it. Before you get through you will get

nurhed at and ridiculed from Hudson Bay

o the Pacific. Don't be addanged about

t never has succeeded yet when such has

en the state of the case, and thank heaven

WASHINGTON WOMAN'S SCHEME.

There was a Washington woman who

vent to the World's Fair and striking out

in a new line, made a fine paying thing

of the experiment. She was a Southern

oman, born and brought up among slaves.

with several of her very own to do every-

thing but actually breathe for her. It

appened in late years that fortune and

she fell out and were so sadly at odds that

t became a positive necessity for her to

A Government office was not to be ob-

ained save for a short period when there

was a great pressure of work to be accom-plished. Then she tried keeping boarders

They are her fairly out of house and home. Then she railied and tried renting rooms,

at her wits end when the World's Fair

at somehow that failed and she was about

egan to engage everyone's attention. Some how she drifted to Chicago and

cured work of some clerical nature

health was not strong and the work was

popped into her head one fine day an idea which she followed up to such prac-

tical good that even how she is making

a good living out of it. As the idea was not

natented it can be used by others if so de

stred, since it was nothing more nor less

than the making of a Maryland hand

Being a Southerner, the Washington wo

man knew to perfection just how these seaten biscuits should be made, and, there-

fore, when her first supply was ready she out them on sale at several of the enting

he field of her operations and placed them

n sale elsewhere outside of the grounds

in the meantime, of course, she had pur

stout woman to do the work. As the busi-

ess increased she made a regular busines

trrangement with several of the bakers

n Chicago, and at last accounts was on he fair road to attaining a fortune out of

Still another business for the plucky,

o-shead young woman to succeed in in

this city is that of professional duster of

fine china and bric-a brac. There are in Washington any number of elegant houses

where the dusting of the bric-a brac cannot be trusted even to the most careful servants,

and which, as it consumes so much of the

nostess' valuable time, is an annoyance

which she would gladly shift from her

own shoulders to those of a really com-

petent person, such as a professional duster,

with the proper credentials, would prove

berself. This plan has also been tried

with success in New York. There is no

reason why it should not be successful in

this city, where no ploncer has as yet trod the primeval forests of the fashionable

GLORIANA GADABOUT.

ie sale of those Maryland biscuits.

issed a biscuit-making machine and l

is the call for them increased she wid

ses in the World's Fair grounds. Then,

about killing her when somehow there

in the Administration building.

one in the social sphere.

eur baker's oven.

If you are going to hea-

a never will.

work for her living.

woman who has her living to make. The fashionables hold no special cinch on the

money in it. What if those same fashion-

of success for the entertainers.

ons and serving. There is one colored

"There is a great big field open right

Life as It Is Seen in a G Street Roarding House,

HUMAN ODDITIES ARE THERE

All Types of Humanity Found, From the Landledy to the Crazy Inventor-The Colonel and His Chances of Marrying-Headless Woman and Her Love Affair,

Washington has been apily named "the city of boarding houses." This term was not misapplied, for nowhere in this broad hand can be found a place of his size and population where there are so many cheap hosteiries Commencing with the lew-priced lodging houses lining First street and B street, near the Capitel Park, where beds can be had for fifteen cents per night, the scule continues upward from \$3 per week boarding houses to those with high-sounding somes where the weekly rate is any-Where from \$5 to \$12.

The cheap bourding house in this city is a verific buman memperic, where non and women of almost every known condition seek autum. The types of humanity to these tasheries are almost as varied as the leaves of autumn. A Times man who spent one week in a boarding house on C screet, where the rate is \$4 for that period of time, had an opportunity of studying the eral types of the imman family course guird there and their oddities and disposi-

What a medley was presented at the dinner table or in the parior after ten, when one of the female boarders conyed to executing the company by playing o the ancient plane "The Sidewalks of New York" or the more popular and more to cent "Washington Times March." What ruch timey relating his or her per induction. and sandy them, just as a schoolbox would sandy the rivers, mountains and comparies in the groundphy.

The tendings, a best and heating little woman, who first saw the light of day in instance "Old Virginoy," had a keen eye for hardness and never missed on opporsunity to mild frends or characters to be nemagerie. Her stingte was maled to the wall. It was a black sheet of the emilia copied in leaters of strining gold;

> BOADERS TERMS BEASONAULE

THE LANDLADY.

She was a motherly old hely, with gold-Planned speciacies and a full stock of energy, and referred codenringly to the bearders is her family. Perhaps be weamen boaste of such a variegated and parturesque borseland told, young there, and taki handled a confidenced advisor, was a perily old follow from Missouri, who was known as the "Colones" His pate was as held and shiny as an arone leabenr while his found and round region above the which could one dy have been mistaken for the model from which old Panch was

gared into In the light of the major mono of the establishment. He came here two governors to recognize the passage by Congress of his wor claim for reveral thousands of off his war claim for several nellers. He is now awaiting the coming of the new Compress, and hvony in hope criticis ever the bosom of old stimute. hvier on here, suspicion and credit ever Indy is connected with one of the mort The escent is a good story teller, and Another female with a sad side to her

others, some fould in their peculiarities strong points," a favorite pet phrase

The colemet and the old Virginia landlady. to use an old-time saw, are "as thick as two peas in a pod" and, rumor has H that he ing her better half, which will result in his promotion to manager of her estab-

Next to the colonel in importance is a tall and scrawny old maid. She wears cork screw ringers about her forebrad and a far-away, dreamy expression. The expromion, no doubt, refers to many lost emorphismities in her blooming youth. She te not young any longer. The clock of time has tolled at least forty yearly tolls since her pale, blue eyes first beheld the gental sambght. She has long been emdoted in one of the Departments in a minor the deposits meanly all of her salary every

The old maid is desperately in love with headed fellow, who has to buttle carry and ogh money to pay his week In beard bell. He is not averse to the old mind's suit, but it is the current equalsn of the other boarders that his love current time more stroughly in the direction of herpile in the touck them it does toward her thering beart and hopeful affection. The fact that there is a log wad of "long in the background may bring about a wending in the near future.

DOOK AGENT DISCOURAGED. The book agent binned; is in hard lock Times are dall, he vays, and people are or "Tales of the Sen," when they haven't the money to have round steak new point or He will no doubt seize it.

young man, who ekes out an existence in some precisions manner. He occupies take his ments at the house, and wears good some clothes. This young fellow is an Sendly drug has dutted all his first sensi bilities, and he spes not care for the company of ladies or any form of amuse mount that is common to mankind in sediusry. The opium pipe and "dope conflitte to form the god of his worship. for opions smoking, and frequently during the hight the house is filled with the sickening fumes of the life-desiroying fireg. This young man is always as pul as a statue and he shaky as an aspen. He is following the pace that kills, and some morning his lifeless remains will be found in hed, and the corner will give a certificate which will read "Accidental death; overdose of opium."

Another male character, whose odd form is well anown on the streets of Washing- and flery days of war.

ton, is an old fellow with spindle shank legs and a very corpulent body. He is known as "the doctor." This peculiar old man is said to be a miser. He manufactures dicines in his third-story room and ped dies the stuff about town. His principal customers are colored people, who buy his "Rhemmatism Killer" and "Fever and Ague Drops." The doctor is as stingy as an Arab sheik. The other boarders de-clare the queer-looking, Iron-bound, heavhy-padlocked trunk in-his room is nearly If of money of every denomination from

permies to \$100 bills. The old fellow makes all his own clothing, principally in warm weather, from salt sacks, which he purchases from a wholesale grocer on Pennsylvania avenue. He pays a reduced rate for his board, as he only cats one meal a day. This one is dinner, and the landlady mays be is al-ways the first one at the table and the last to leave. He devours enough food at that meal to last him twenty-four hours. The only wonder is that he has the stomachic capacity for such a mass of meats, bread, recognities, pie, et cetera. The landlady says she is going to get rid of film. He is the human hog in the G street menagerie and a losing investment to the house.

MYSTERIOUS STRANGER

A tall, nervous individual, with pallid face and full black beard, came to the Gstreet house the other day and engaged board. He remained in his room most of he would come pitter-pattering in his stip pered feet to the head of the stairs and peer eagerly at the door until be and seen the person who pulled he bell and heard what they had to say. After remaining in the bouse three days always acting in a mysterious and suspias manner, he suddenly disappeared or third night after receiving a telegram. The following morning two keen, briary looking men called to see the nervous strong-They were detectives. He was wanted Pennsylvania for torgery and false pre

Not the least interesting picture in this Ibam of codities on slundy G street, was a sny and coy maiden who carns a living dur-ing the fall and winter months by doing the avy stand-around act in the local theaters. or what is termed "extra lady," or female oper. During the summer, it is a fintter "catch as catch can" with her. Her last minimer engagement, was with a side show at Covey Island, where she played the star part of bendless buty in an aggregation of cake and curios. She has a rather pretty face, especially when it is neede up in behind the scenes fashion. Her hair is golden, and her farm rather statuesque. It is said this vivacuous young lody gave up her Coney Island engagement to come to Washington and prepare for her wedding. Being touched on that subject she replied naively:

"Yes, the headless indy is going to ed the Coney Idand India rubber man Then she broke into a merry peat of nugities and dashed up stairs, two steps at a time, singing at the top of her

"I want a man-

I want a manalon in the skies." This gay young female has a number of cullers and the day must be an exseedingly roley or stormy one that does not find her at one of the river resorts be central figure of an admiring circle I duries. The frenk size is going to wed is a rather handsome fellow, but his skin is loose and flabley, and the hunfreds of speciators who pay 10 cents can to cuter the tent where he is on exististion, take infinite delight in setting section of his epidermis, pulling I tward and then letting it fly back like rather hand. The headless lady is a giddy creature and has already succeede in getting all the male boarders in love with her, but she declares she will be yal to ber India robber man, until they

are made one by due process of law. HER BON A BAILOR.

Among the pathetic pictures in the boarding bonse is a vererable lady, nearly an years of age. She is the mother of a young naval attache who is on the forention. He pays her expenses and mending to her wants. The poor old foul, She is in constant four that she may do

maintains a degree of popularity in the life strony is a and eyed woman, not more servet fearding house intgely on that than 28 years or age. Her's is indeed a on all markers—a nort of human encyclepolice us it were—and for that region. mend departments, as pretty as a spring too, he is counted by his fellow-boarders. morning, she fell in love with a handrome In addition to those attainments he knows darreyed clerk in the same department. that they would be married and end their

> One day, however, he dropped from his pocket a letter, just us he was leaving the parlor after having spent the evening with her. After his departure she found the missive, and, woman like, she read it. The letter was from his wife in Illinoist and after addressing him in the most en dearing terms, begand that bewend a larger the buby was in need of several articles of worm out.

The contents proved too much for the de prived young woman. She burst into tears, and retired to her room, where her heart broken solm could be heard all night. She did not leave her apartment until the police ambulance called to take her to St. Eliza beth Insone Asylom, a maniae, Under the skillful treatment of Dr. Godding and his assistants, her mental equilibrium was partially restored, and her married sister pays her expenses in the G street boarding n living, yet half dead, picture of man's

THE STREET PARIES.

A pair of gandliy-attired street faking present another view in this \$4 per week museum of humanity. They each carry tourists' satches strapped about their dionidiers, and as the old coloucl expresses t, are gifted with "the cheek of a team of lions." These young men sell little square cakes of white soap, which are "labeled "Magic Cleamer for removing stains. grase spots," etc. It is simply the ordinar; every-day laundry soap, purchased from a nearby grocery and cut up into small drop of bermamot on each square, and are then multy wropped in a small circular of stinted directions and a piece of tin-foil They are falsely represented to posse wonderful cleansing properties and retail at 10 cents each. One ordinary cake of laundry soop at a cost of 5 cents can be converted into nearly \$2 worth of square of "Magic Cleanser."

These two lakirs are involerate gamblers and after they have raised a stake on their fraudulent wares, go across the Long Bridge and play the races or buck the tiger in some of the gambling resorts lawless Jackson City. They are prime favorites with the leadless lady, and were robber, there might have been a matel a cream-colored suit and a bright cherry red bund about his straw hat.

The old pensioner is another object of interest. He pays three months board in advance every pension pay day, and is thereafetr mortally broke until his nex quarterly check is received. This old fellow tells some remarkable war stories, which, if true, would place him in the niche of heroes with Napoleon, Mad Anthon Wayne and other celebrities of the smoky

Need Not Be Confined to the Old and Beaten Tracks.

SOME PRAC ICAL FOINERS

Story of an Eastern Lady Who Is Earning a Good Living in California-Hints Which District Girls Can Follow-Experience of Some Who Have Made Great Hits.

There are all sorts of ways of killing a at besides banging it. So there are all manner of ways for a woman of plack and energy to make a living, and a good one at that, entirely outside of the beaten

If one has a notion to stick absolutely to the old methods and eke out a possible iving through the time-honored channels of teaching, governessing, sewing or going through the soul-barrowing experies that usually fall to the lot of those who elect to let themselves out for the princely sum of \$10 or \$15 a month, to be only-ragged out of health and temper as anions, there is nothing to be said, no dvice to be offered.

Nothing short of actual experience and one times out of ten of absolute failure ttending the experiments will suffice for uch persons. They must learn through he hardest of all schools-experiencefore they are willing to even listen to mything others with a wider, more exended opportunities may have to say on

Somewhat less than a year ago I met in one of the benutiful health resorts on the Pacific coast a bright woman who at that ne was staying at the same hotel, reuperating from a severe illness. Her hushand and children were with her, and ap-parently the worldly affairs of the famg, while not such as to rank them in the t of millionaires, were such as to make rem able to enjoy at least the comforts

They were Eastern people, and up to be time that the woman married the was to do the slightest thing in the way f work for herself. Pampered, petted and brought up in wealth and luxury, she cast in her lot with the man she loved end went with him to make their home in he far West. Their fortunes had been laring the years of their married life of

When I met the bright and attractive woman there was even at that time all authown to the a cloud no bigger than a man's hard dooming up in the horizon, If she dreamed that such was the case she avely withheld all such knowledge from ne and gave not the slightest sign to out

er all the way across the continent that of only goes to prove that woman can make her living out of the beaten tracks; at that she can make a big success of it Ithout the least espital to start on.

As the plan operated in this case is quite a applicable to Washington or any of e large cities of the East, and is indeed ar better adapted to succeed here than lsewhere, such portion of the letters as clates to it, will be given for the benelit of any woman who has been or who may be la some future time thrown upon her own

DEAD BROKE.

"We have never been rolling in wealth, art just before we returned here from re learned the pleasantnews that our small out sure competency was a thing of the elarively—sans money, sans home, sans verything, in fact, that is usually conidered essential to the continuance of life. In sulgar pariance, we were broke strapped. ould hunt up some rooms, and having f neat, but not gaudy, in a business block.

"All day I am soothed by the yowls of 'women learning to sing, 'Save the Mark,' and the turn ti turn ti fi to firm of creatures earning to play the plane, together with the soul-stirring scrapes and squeaks of an quateur violinist, who should rightly be onimitted to an insane asylum.

"Well to go on. Do you want to hearall about it?" One room is the sitting room n front of a big screen and in a large sacking box at the end of the dinng room reposes the kitchen. This a shelf of priceless china plates which A small square table outside of the front loor furnishes the antechamber where my crowding jostling guests wait their arn for admittance into the triune apart

"And now what do you think my proession is? I can best convey to you the ntelligence through the medium of a tiny leath of my dear husband. I engaged a stall negro boy to come and see me on uniners. He come while I was out and and for 'De lady what did de caterin-

"Yes, that it is it, I am in 'de caterin' ousiness . This has been evolved gradually from 'A person in reduced circumstances' If you can call that 'reduced' which is bsolutely indistinguishable or visible to he naked eye-who did some not altogether and work with pen and ink, dinner cards, ec.; then decorator for which I really ave a knack, the 'A gentlewoman' to versee the proper serving of entertain-nents; then 'Experienced cook' to go to couses and reign supreme in the kitchen and get up means and cook the wonderful croquettes and cream, the clusive sweet ratree dish and glorify it by the name of Newburg,' and keep a watchful eye of he two-legged things they dignify by the nme of waiters, who will, under loudouthed protestations, wear a cap and

"These latter try me sorely at times. At ne house the mirtress simply told the servants that they could do one of two things-naind me or leave the place.

"For these services I get \$3 for a lunchall night work at hig functions. \$5 a day for decorating from early morning until the wee small hours. Well, upon the whole, it numan nature one would not otherwise see. one cynical, except that I am not built that

BUNNING A COTILLION. "I made 400 favors and got up a supper

for 200 people for the swell Cotillion Club here, quite recently. My greatest difficulty n this respect lies in trying to get something new, and evolve novel ideas. The people are so afraid of doing anything original it takes all the firmness of which I am capable to carry things through.

I have a number of orders ahead for some acheons, another cotillion, and then some oig bails. Do try and keep your eyes open or ideas and send them to me on a postal If you do not have time for anything else." Miss Muloch wrote long ago a very

charming story of "A Brave Lady," but right here in the actual world of to-day is being lived out each day quite as inter-esting a story of a brave woman of the

Thrilling Experiences in Learning to Ride a Bicycle.

WHEN SHE HAD THE WOBBLES

Gloriana Gadabout Tells of Her First Attempts to Go Alone-Pestered by the Advice of Friends-She Had to "Keen a-Movin' On"-Caution About Letting Go the Handle Bars.

time is engaged weeks ahead and whose energies are taxed to their utmost to keep up with the orders that fairly pile up at her door. Her patronage is of the most Did you ever ride the bicycle? Did you fashionable description, and to secure her services is considered an advance agent ever try to do so? Between riding and trying to do so there is a whole world of dif-This being the case there is no reason ference. Between the two there lies a continent of experiences, an ocean of mishaps, why some bright, energetic young woman with a talent, real or acquired, for cook-ing should not enter the field. It is a large a Rocky Mountain chain of falls and turn bles, seas and floods of inward trepidation one. There is room for half a dozen at cast, and there is money in it for each and silent, unshed tears.

If you have ever ridden the blcycle you know all about it. If you are only just trying you think you know all about it. whereas in reality you know nothing whatever-have not, in fact, even the faintst conception. Therein lies the difference

When you really start in carnest to learn to ride you have revelations; you start, you move, you seem to feel the thrill of life, etc., and in an instant, regardless little for the amount of brain and physical of the solenin mystery with which the serets of nature are usually shrouded, the attention to cooking and serving functions entire planetary system suddenly spreads out before your astonished gaze. You take a header, and, lo, in an instant creaion is revented.

There are other things besides the mys teries of onbure that are revealed in light-ning fleshes to you when fou really start in to learn to ride the bicycle. You learn one thing that you are an arrant cow and. It is mortifying, but true nevertheless.

beaven of to-day or hereafter. Use them for all they are worth in the way of finally ANOTHER KIND OF NERVE. allowing you to retire on a competency. They are, after all, very well in their You may have the perve to walk up to be cannon's mouth or to take part in all the way, especially if you happen to understand just how to meet them on their comes to making those first efforts to ride own ground and see just what that way is, There is no use in going into any such he bicycle you stand revealed to yourself e most ignominious coward in exist-The fact that you carefully try to side by side. ork as berein outlined with the idea that immunity from snubs and at times mornifying tract from its truth. and trying experiences.
There are snote the world over, and there

The fact that you can nerve yourself up waiking around a spooky house in the ad of night when the rest of the household re securely shut up in their respective ms will not avail to remove the stigma

ell-bred people, whose position is so se-Perhaps it is a very different species rding the just meed of rank to others f bravery required in learning to overcome ie ups and downs of the wheel. I should who unfortunately belong to that large family of "has beens." That snobs should e giad to really think so. It is not pleasent, even to one's self, to be dubbed a cowexist is undoubtedly nature's plan of equa-It was not so many years ago that a per man and have a fine scorn of those of ct epidemic of cake-racking broke out i Washington among the "decayed genesteries whenever a poor little hungry thewomen" of the District. It was quite the rage for several persons to make cake chances to frisk its tail in sight over he charboard of a room, for the rich and fundamentale of society and it paid to well that the leading adven-

When you have achoused yourself to regard he antics of that mouse without even so nuch as making a wild, furrive grab at rour skirts, you have every right to set reself up in your own mind as a person f pronounced bravery. It is all the more oplensant, therefore, to be called down rom your lofty estate through the medium

At the present time there are several vomen depending open their two efforts Everybody is riding the bloycle. Nearly verybody owns one. Not to own, or at ust not to ride the wheel, is to be counted back number-quite out of the swim What militates largely against success to many of these cases is the fact that the cake ow if there is one thing more than an sakers aim only to do such Work for the arefully eliminate from the volume of or daily life, it is that possible stigma of a buck number. It therefore follows that intelligence of their work be noted abroad among the vulgar heid. very up-to-date woman must have the list d her accomplishments swelled by the ability to ride the wheel.

ADVICE TO BEGINNERS.

If the question of temperature is to be aken into consideration. I should advise Whosever you do, don't allow yourself that nevitable result from the experiment will other up and down the spine to cool off the nost fevered brow.

The love of bicycling is an acquired taste the that for cavarre and saurkrant. It is rarely, if otherwise, save, perhaps, with children in whose range of thought be considerations of the danger they run loes not have place. Happy children

Unhappy grown people, to whom the thirst for knowledge comes in regard to earning to ride the bicycle! It seems to be a fever that comes to all, irrespective of age, color, or prvious condition of servi-tude. To each and all it comes in time, and to each and all in turn there must be tie experience of a personal trial before

The experiences of others go for naught. It is the old story of Eve and the apples. We each not only want a taste of the fruit

If you start out to learn at one of the many establishments in the city for that pur-pose, you will be told that actresses and hildren learn most readily. Actresses be ause of their lack of self-confidence and hildren because of their lack of self-con-

LOQUACIOUS RIDING TEACHERS. You will be told this and many things f you will but listen. Bicycle teachers ire strangely like barbers. Their stock of small talk, general knowledge and fund itways there on tap, with the differnece rom most things on tap, that it does not wait for any effort on your part to start

The trouble I have found in learning, or attempting to learn to ride a bicycle is not so much the mechanical part of the process, as it's to stave off the volume of advice that meets you at every turn from your friends. Each and every one has something to say on the subject, and as a general thing, this advice is of the most conflicting kind. To attempt to follow it would result in a far speedier annihilation han is likely to be your fate if you stick to the wheel and go on trying in your own

The less a person really knows about the wheel the greater will be the amount of advice offered. When there is no personal experience whatever from which they an draw, it is perfectly astonishing with what nicety they can detail everything that should be done by a beginner. This is unturally a trifle exasperating

at times, but as the rules of good society will not admit of a woman swearing a good, round swear in such emergencies she must just smile the best she can and appear to take it all in as law and gospel. It is difficult to accomplish, but it can be done, I know whereof I speak, having gone through the mill.

The deepest, darkest moments of discouragement come not so much when you are learning to ride upon a wheel not your own property, but when you have suddenly made up your mind to follow the lead of the rest of the world and have actually bought one of your very own.

MOMENTS OF DESPAIR Then come to you moments of self-abnega tion, of deep, dark disgust that make you want to hire some able-bodied person

make a football of you around a ten-acre

lot. You feel that you own a Minataur-s ulless Frankenstein, which it is impos aible to keep away from, and which yet at any moment is likely to huri you to instant annihilation, or at best reduce you to a col-lection of broken and ill-assorted bones

in need of the most skilled articulation There are persons who will tell you with every appearance of truth and honesty that riding the wheel is a delight, a joy, the sur-preme pleasure of which cannot be defined in words. Don't pay the slightest attention to any such assertions. The world is full of Anantases and Suphiras. It has not changed in this respect since the biblioni times, save that the number of them has

en steadily on the increase. Possibly after you learn to ride the wheel well and cease to have that mortal fear of instant death that stares you in the face as a beginner there may be a pleasure in it. Of that stage I am not competent to speak at present.

I have passed through almost every other stage however, and will mest glad! welcome a change. Why then you as should a person feeling this Way pensist in learning to master the wheel. Why! Ah, that is the riddle of the Sphynx, the burning question of the hour, which no one seems able to answer.

It is the fad of the hour, and therefore as long as it lasts must be worked for al it is worth. At present it is at fever heat and not to ride the wheel is to mark one's self an oddier. One does not care to de that, and therefore in the face of the most appairing discouragements the effort to earn is persisted in.

CRY OF THE AGE.

No one with any real stamina and grit in them likes to feel that they have been mas-tered. The cry of the age is to overcome o surmount all obstacles, to rise superior o circumstances. Failure is for yesterday-success is the watchword of to-day ven if it should happen to be that annihila tion sets in to-merrow. That, at least, is two eed of the New Woman, and of the New Man as well.

It is not the "pap" stage, that in which one has to be supported hodily in order to keep their seat on the bloycle, that the sense of danger is most keen. It is the bread and milk stage, after the supporting arm or hand has been withdrawn and the beginner is

told to go it aloss Then come heights and depths of feeling which under ordinary circumstances are entirely eliminated from your mental exigencies of war. It matters not. When make up. It is positively surprising the ra-it comes to making those first efforts to ride pidity with which thought chases through the brain, with which the fluctuations o

> t would be always safest to bet mauch cir. cumstances. It invariably comes out well in the lead. When the wheels begin to go round for the first time after you have absolute and uncontrolled possession of the andle-bur, you feel as if the earth were adeed revolving on its axis.

> Only with the geographical difference hat you feel yourself to be the axis and that a wful wheel, the earth and the fullness have never had them before.

> H you happen to take a header, as you un footbedly will, since it is the merest quesion of time, you will have more sen You will not only see stats and planetary glories, but you will feel as though Time had rolled back and you were instructance ipon the oratorio of "Creation," when the morning stars sang together."

TRY IT AGAIN.

You get righted, once more you all erect the wheel, once more your hands grasp to handle bar, there is a push from the back, your attendant moves ande, and on go spinning along. For an instant, buset estatic instant, you feel like a rd skimming through the air, you are ould crawl closer to the ground, no centi-

The entire gamut of feeings is run far picker than by the ordinary nathwals of horseld. That is the old, out of date method. hings, that makes time-honored theories as to the rapidity of thought take a back erat and completely retire from business. There are many new things in the mature of surprises to be experienced in learnhemselves upon the inner consciousness as of wheeling that come to the beginner.

Then the eye, and too often the mouth and car no well, takes in quite as instantabeoutly the asphalt, the illimitable spaces of concrete, that make our city in some espects a Joy and delight.

Whatever else comes, there is always hat question of the asphalt to be considered red as a resting place for the rider and the wheel. First and last the queme to be taken into consideration, whether

POWERS OF RESISTANCE.

One of the thoughts that is apt to come to you as you recover yourself and sit up slace, is has anyone with a turn for mathe of mind over computed the power of maist encofinimanfles; undersuch orcums; ances as must inevitably follow an attempt at

The very worst, most discouraging ature of it all, worse even than the allo properties of the wheel is the wobbles This I must assert in all truth and home s the normal condition of the wheel wher t is operated by beginners. The webble s as much to be guarded against as an attack of measies or chicken-pox. Like those epidemics it is all pervading whi it fasts and far more exhausting. Like Time alone coupled with the most per a capable.

If any one tells you they have positively and no trouble whatever in learning it is not so. Don't even trouble to harbor the issertion for a flash of thought. It is ut-

erly and entirely false. The one, sole, reassuring thought that will serve to enlighten the otherwise Egyptian gloom of your early efforts is that each person who has succeeded in learning has had to go through precisely the same falling to your share.

The time when you feel that you want a shotgun is when you and the wheel are havng an especially but attack of the wobbles and some smilling friend heaves in eght to tell you that what you want is amply to sit straight in the saddle. Such uperfluous biliotic ndvicel

ADVICE OF FRIENDS.

As though anyone would do otherwise they possibly could accomplish the edeal of sitting straight for two con-coulve moments at a time. Hardly had this friend exhausted the vocabulary of advice before another comes in sight and fter laughing hilariously at you and the othehandle bars, ortotouchthemas lightly

That tenacity with which a drowning uan grasps at a straw is as mere child's play compared to the vigor and alrength with which the bicycle beginner grasps he handle bars. Of course, as seen as i an be borne in upon the inner consciousness hat it is possible to get along without his death grip upon the handle bars, one very Important obstruction to the read

success has been removed. This advice of touching the bars as lightly as possible is really good and sound, worth; to be held in remembrance, like that of sit-

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ting straight, well balanced, and erect in the middle, but it is difficult to master a kthe

Another very important bit of advice to be membered smarks arroughy of a Heak House origin, imaginach av it is Menticulty

the same as that which hamled Poor Joe ft is to "Keep a-movie" on." Those same kind friends who invariably stop to pour our a flood of advice will invitably end with the advice to keep a mov-n' on. It is a good, sound advice. Follow t if you can, I say to all beginners, and another mountain of obstruction will be removed from your path:

KEEP A MOVIN' ON.

If only your patience holds out, your friends will eventually satisfy themselves on the score of giving you advice that is, for the time being. Then they will look well aver your theyele, inquire its make, poke it patronizingly here and there, inspect the immp, tell you that you should have games a different kind, bung your bell once or twice, perhaps has not the suggestion that you have been taken in with a second-hand need be, they will call out no you speed away in the distance, that advice that rendeted poor John life a wentiness and burden of the flesh.

You may feel that nothing short of breaking all the communitiments at one fell awoop is going to satisfy you after such experiences with the wheel, but if you only have the gift to boil out you will wheel and rising superior to all such petty anonyances. Perhaps you may even live to bedevil some other poor mortal of a bugimer with advice and comment. One never knows what they are capable of

until the emergetcy is past.
There are some points to be remembered whatever else is forgotten, and these are to the effect that one must in self-defense set up a private pharmacy. In this must, be kept an ever-ready, promptly accessible fairly flying along, buoyed up by an supply of alcohol. Fond's Extract, armos, unseen agency. The next, no augle wortus. a bottle of household automonia, a sorablung

brush, a Whise Impon, and variant. To It is exsential to have hande a full of of supplying hat water for a both at any

unlimited angely of Christma fortitude, an endless power of endurance, an unboundy essential in learning to rale the wheel,

What are my ideas on the very much agitaled question of a suitable costume for the bicycle? Honestry, I have no very definite ones at present, but as my friends have taken the matter in burst, and are takening it over in but discussion, there seems to little if any reason why I should expend any cray matter on that score.

What if their ullimate decision should conflict with my own wishes or blegs of propriety, you say? I should simply do an every other daughter of Eve does, regardless of the advice or open expostula-tion of that self-constituted jury of friends aving the matter in charge, and myself. GEORIANNA GADABOUT

Two Mysterious Experts.

A very rail, lank man, with a short pool-room the other night and secwed two ones. It was not long before the table was surrounded by a crowd. The game was indeed an interesting one, as it was remarkable for the case with which the players used their cues and number of points made without a miss on either side, was marvelous. The tall, lank man had just made fifteen points and the small had vacated his table to watch the game,

That's the best game I've ever wip

The tall man lifted bisear.
"Stranger," said he, "for a cool ten I can make fifty strikes without missing a

"It's a go," responded the stranger. "Putup."

All interest was centered on the two, while the little man made another bes of ten with the pool-room proprietor. Taking up the one with an indifferent air, the stranger waited until the balls were arranged, and by a quick movement of the pole sent the cue ball flying. One point was made. Again the "man" was shot and another score made. A third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, twentieth, and forty-uinth were recorded, and the balls lay on the green cloth in such a relative position that all except the single player and his short purmer held their breath. The ball sped out. It struck a contact, tipped a ball and rolled out oward another. All remained muse until the white sphere struck and barely moved

Then all present, including the betters, nt the nic with a shoot, two x's changed hands and the strangers were about to leave. When stopped by the proprietor and asked their natives our responded:
"You know us or would know us if we A gentleman who tells the story de-

scribes the tall man as being slightly stoop-shouldered having a drooping, au-burn mustache, black derby and clothes, and a dismond star necktile pin in his gravat. His voice is thin and feminine. The other is shorter than medium, no beard, very stout, wearing a small pearl

in his tie and a heavy link watch chain .Who are they?

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